



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

10:00 AM

Present: Chairperson Montaña, Vice Chairperson Bacio, Commissioner Bigby, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Moore

The Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence will be led by Chairperson Montaña.

Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Meeting to be called to order by Chairperson Montaña. (11-4835)

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m., and noted the lack of a quorum. Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioners Moore and Hill joined the meeting at 10:13 a.m. and 10:18 a.m. respectively, establishing a quorum.

2. Approval of the October 26, 2011 Minutes. (11-4836)

On motion of Vice-Chairperson Bacio, seconded by Commissioner Bigby, unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2011 were approved with edits.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

3. Chairperson's Report on Various Items for November 2, 2011. (11-4837)

Chairperson Montaña shared the following newspaper articles with the Commission.

Daily Breeze:

- **Jail Violence is Dropping, Sheriff Reports (November 2, 2011)**
- **L.A. County Misses Fed Benchmark (November 1, 2011)**
- **Sheriff's report Noted Jail Violence (October 31, 2011)**
- **Sex Offenders are Linked to Foster Homes (October 28, 2011)**

Los Angeles Times:

- **Sheriff Faces Skeptical Supervisors (November 2, 2011)**
- **Violations Reported in Hospital Operating Room (October 30, 2011)**
- **Staff Wrote of Jail Brutality two Years Ago (October 30, 2011)**
- **Lawsuit Filed Over Photos (October 28, 2011)**
- **State Failed to Check for Sex Offenders (October 28, 2011)**

Following discussion, Chairperson Montaña instructed staff to make copies of the October 28, 2011, Daily Breeze Article "Sex Offenders are Linked to Foster Homes", and make the copies available at the Commission's next Monthly Business meeting.

- 4. Treasurer's Report for November 2, 2011. (11-4838)**

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that after depositing his Commission dues of \$45.00, and receiving a \$90.00 check from Commissioner Moore, the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is now \$605.77.

- 5. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports. (11-4839)**

Nyla Jefferson, staff, Commission Services, provided Commissioner Bigby with a locker key and will provide Commissioner Hall a key at a later date.

- 6. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports. (11-4840)**

There were none.

- 7. Commissioners' Reports on Group Homes and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from October 27, 2011 to November 1, 2011. (11-4841)**

During the reporting period the following facility was reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Montaña, Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioners Bigby, Hall and Moore visited Twin Towers I and II, on November 1, 2011 and October 27, 2011, respectively.

Following discussion, Commissioner Moore commented that there has been an increase in reports of "Use of Force" incidents involving the mentally ill and drug addicted inmates; he also feels that mental health personnel should be the first responders, and properly trained deputies should conduct follow up assistance if necessary. Vice Chairperson Bacio commented that communicating with the inmates to quell the situation should be priority before the "Use of Force".

Commissioner Hill stated that she contacted Supervisor Antonovich regarding the lack of hot water issue in the showers at Men's Central Jail, and that the issue was resolved.

Commissioner Hall stated she was impressed with Sergeant Cardenas positive attitude; she feels this may be the reason why there are far less problems at the Men's Central Jail than at Twin Towers.

III. DISCUSSIONS

8. Discussion, Review and Consideration of the Intent to Amend the Sybil Brand Commission's By-Laws. (11-4842)

Following review and discussion, on motion of Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Bigby, duly carried, the amendment to the Sybil Brand Commission's By-laws were approved.

Ayes: 5 - Chairperson Montañó, Vice Chairperson Bacio, Commissioner Bigby, Commissioner Hall and Commissioner Moore

Noes: 1 - Commissioner Hill

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

9. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-4843)

Vice Chairperson Bacio instructed staff to draft a letter inviting former Commissioner Hammargren to the Commission's Holiday gathering on December 7, 2011, at McCormick and Schmicks in Downtown Los Angeles.

Public Comment

10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-4844)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

11. Adjournment for the meeting of November 2, 2011. (11-4845)

The November 2, 2011 meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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